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CLERK: Mr. President, LR 292 by Senator Kristensen. (Read.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Kristensen, you are recognized to open on LR 292.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the Legislature. Before I introduce the resolution, I want to recognize that there are many, many, many members of the Legislature here this morning on a morning that they would not have to be here because there is not going to be substantive legislation this morning, but they are here, and I want that fact reflected, and I think that speaks extremely highly of the members of the Legislature and their respect for this man. Today is not a day of sadness or remorse. We meet today as the state's representatives to do the state's business, but we also alter our schedule today to pay respect and to celebrate the life of Bob Crosby. We are not here because we are sad. We are here because of respect, at least I am, and I think others will reflect their feelings. We're here because Bob Crosby was a Senator. He was the youngest Speaker ever elected to the state of Nebraska. He was a Lieutenant Governor, a Governor, a statesman, and a true friend to Nebraska and all of state government. Today the Capitol halls are kind of strangely quiet. What member, what staff person, what any citizen who has ever been in the halls of this Legislature and this State Capitol hasn't seen Bob Crosby sauntering down the halls of the Legislature with his smile about twelve feet in front of him? That's how I'll best remember Bob Crosby. He was always positive. I never heard him be negative. I never heard him come out and complain about someone. It was always that something more positive could happen. He was an extremely proud lawyer. He represented people who others despised. He did it because it was the right thing to do. He also pushed causes that he thought were correct and right. He did them to the best of his ability. And I know that there are many wonderful memorials that can be sent and money that could be contributed to causes. I suppose Bob, today, would be most proud if you would send money to the Highway Trust Fund in his name, and probably that would make him feel more at ease in that you were actually doing something positive in life. But a great man has passed our way. I, for one, am very glad that I got a chance to